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	<u>Publication No.</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>	<u>Inventor</u>
1.	JP P3157491	February 9, 2001	

B. Copies of the patents and literature are included herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R.  
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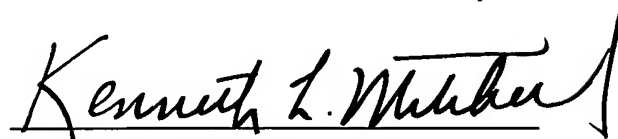
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1. JP P3157491 published February 9, 2001 discloses a guidance support chain.

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